



*La Noblesse.*

II.

THE NOBLESSE PEACH.

The *Double Montagne*, and the *Double Swalsh*, so closely resemble this Peach, that they are scarcely distinguishable from it; but the *Double Montagne* is said not to succeed upon the same variety of plum stock. Neither of these three varieties are mentioned by the French Naturalist DU HAMEL; nor are they enumerated, under those names, by any of the modern French writers on the subject, in their Catalogues of Peaches. Tree free in its growth, and a great bearer. Bud round and full. Blossom very large, expanded, of a bright rose, or pink colour, early. Leaf generally about six inches long and two broad, of a lightish green, deeply serrated. Fruit generally round and large; though sometimes a little elongated, with a very small nipple at the end of it; beautifully marbled with red and dull purple, when much exposed to the sun: flesh quite white, with some very faint yellowish shades in it; white at the stone; very sweet and melting, but, perhaps, less vinous than some other Peaches; the skin strips off from the flesh very easily; ripens well, early in *August*; apt to be rather woolly when too ripe; owing to the thinness of the skin, it is, in very hot weather, subject to blisters or blotches. Stone short in proportion to the fruit, round, and very prominent